

family to carry on in their fine traditions. Lou rendered outstanding community service for many years as a member of the Watervliet City Council, and for the past 15 years has served as an unpaid volunteer in my Albany congressional office. Lately, Mr. Speaker, Lou DiNuzzo has faced very serious health challenges. He has met those challenges with the same courage and grace with which he has faced all of the other challenges in his life.

Members have heard me many times on this floor say that my first two priorities when I get up in the morning are to thank God for my life and veterans for my way of life. Mr. Speaker, when I said my morning prayers today, I was thankful for a great many things, but first and foremost on this day I am grateful that Lou DiNuzzo is my friend.

AT&T PLAYS D.C. REGULATORY GAME

(Mr. BONILLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I am very worried about one of the greatest assaults that is currently underway against America's telecommunications industry. We have seen some remarkable changes in the past 5 years with the growth of wireless technology and the Internet, but what about the future?

Today we are not seeing America's telecom companies making investments in their products and services. We are not seeing companies hire new people and training them. We are not seeing healthy competition between companies. What we are seeing day after day in the telecom industry are attack ads from AT&T trying to stifle competition for their own benefit.

These are very difficult times for American business. One would think that in this current environment, every major corporation would be focused on their people, their products and their future; but sadly you cannot open a newspaper, turn on a radio or watch television without being bombarded by these negative ads that are being run under disguise and being run by a bogus group called Voices for Choices.

Why in the world would AT&T be running these millions of dollars in ads in Washington, D.C.? They do not promote any products, service, or any kind of private sector growth.

My conclusion is that after seeing these ads that AT&T believes that their future relies on Washington and regulation. I hope the Chamber recognizes that these ads are just bogus and they are an attempt to play the D.C. regulatory game. This game is ruining the telecommunications industry. We must not be fooled by the tactics of those companies that feel that playing games is more important than focusing on legitimate business.

COMMENDING MARQUETTE'S TRIP TO THE 2003 FINAL FOUR

(Mr. KLECZKA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Marquette University men's basketball team for their sensational season this year, one that will not soon be forgotten. With Coach Tom Crean at the helm and players like Dwayne Wade, Travis Diener, Robert Jackson and Steve Novak patrolling the hardwood, Marquette has enjoyed a remarkable year and has earned a well-deserved berth in the NCAA Final Four.

Now that the Golden Eagles have a chance to win their first championship since 1977, when Al McGuire was coaching them and the team was named the Warriors, only the Kansas Jayhawks stand in their way of reaching the title game.

To demonstrate my utmost confidence in Marquette, Mr. Speaker, I made a friendly wager with the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) that the Golden Eagles will beat the Jayhawks in the national semifinals. I am putting Wisconsin bratwurst, an assortment of Wisconsin's finest cheeses and a case of Milwaukee-brewed Sprecher root beer on the line. It is too bad my friend from Kansas will not get the opportunity to enjoy them, for I look forward to a wonderful feast of his two slabs of Kansas pork ribs and a jug of Kansas barbecue sauce when Marquette knocks off Kansas to advance to the national championship game.

Mr. Speaker and Members, I join with the entire Marquette community in wishing the Golden Eagles Godspeed and a great victory this Saturday.

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(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the record of evil compiled by Saddam Hussein and his sons Uday and Qusay is well known. Less well known is the record of his closest adviser. Meet Ali Hasan al-Majid al-Tikriti, better known as Chemical Ali. Chemical Ali is the enforcer of the regime. His presence signals Saddam's most vicious intent. While he was governor of the, quote, Kuwait Province in 1990, he implemented a program to "Iraqify" Kuwait through the arrest, torture and execution of Kuwaiti police, military officers and resistance members. In the years since, he has brutally suppressed uprisings by Iraqis in the north and in the south. In 1991 he appeared on Iraqi television, beating, kicking and executing Iraqi opposition prisoners.

Ali earned the name "Chemical Ali" because of his tenure as director of the Mukhabarat, the Iraqi Intelligence Service. On March 16, 1988, he ordered

the use of chemical weapons against the civilians of Halabja, resulting in the deaths of over 5,000 innocent men, women and children.

Meet Lieutenant General Ali Hasan, a symbol of why the allies fight this war. Removing documented war criminals like this man from positions of power is the right thing to do both for the oppressed people of Iraq and for our global stability.

PORT SECURITY

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the importance of adequate security at our Nation's ports. On Monday, President Bush visited the Port of Philadelphia to praise our Coast Guard on their increased role at ports and to promote new security under Operation Liberty Shield. However, during this visit, the President failed to mention that the Coast Guard has reported receiving only a fraction of the resources they need to secure these ports, or that the President did not ask for any future port grant funding in either the supplemental spending bill or his fiscal 2004 budget request, no funding to fill in the gaping holes in our port security needs.

Just outside of my district, are two ports, the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach. Last year, an estimated 4 million cargo containers passed through those ports, 35 percent of all U.S. international trade. Less than 4 percent of those containers were screened. Our ports of entry are some of the most vulnerable threat risks in our Nation and we need to provide the means and the resources necessary for adequate security.

THE UNITED NATIONS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed his concern for Iraqi civilians during coalition military operations. I share his concern but want to know what he says about Iraq's treatment of civilians. American troops risk their lives to avoid civilian casualties. Saddam Hussein has surrounded himself and his troops with innocent civilians because he knows this is the only way to slow our advance through Iraq. What has Mr. Annan said about Hussein's use of human shields, or of hospitals as military headquarters? Nothing. While American troops are under extreme scrutiny, Saddam Hussein draws none from the United Nations.

The lack of scrutiny during wartime is the same complacency employed by the U.N. since 1991. We should not be surprised but we should keep it in mind